

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy and effort extended to his representative, Richard J. Katz, during a May 21, 2007 telephone conference. During the telephone conference the cited reference to Tarvas, the specification and the rejected claims were discussed.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciatively acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claim 14, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 4 and 10.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-2, 8 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,252,552 to Tarvas et al. ("Tarvas '552").

Amended independent claims 1 and 13 each recite "a radiating element galvanically isolated from the ground plane and other conductive parts of the radio device." In the April 23rd Advisory Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Tarvas '552 discloses that "the only part galvanically connected to the radiating portion is the ground plane." See, Advisory Action, Continuation of Note 11, page 2. During the May 21st telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that the language "other conductive parts" can be broadly read to exclude the ground

plane. Applicant submits that because amended claims 1 and 13 now recite that the ground plane is galvanically isolated from the radiating element, the claims distinguish over Tarvas '552.

Therefore, Tarvas '552 fails to disclose, or suggest, the invention of claims 1 and 13. Thus, Tarvas '552 does not anticipate claims 1 and 13. Claims 2 and 8 depend from claim 1, and therefore, are patentable over Tarvas '552 for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5-7, 9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tarvas '552 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,469,673 to Kaiponen. Claim 12 stands rejected as being unpatentable over Tarvas '552 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,759,989 to Tarvas et al. ("Tarvas '989").

The Examiner relies on Kaiponen as disclosing: a radiating element which follows the surface shape of a radio device; a radiating element that is a rigid conductive piece belonging to a radio device cover; and an antenna attached to the non-conductive portions of a radio device. The Examiner contends that the combination of Tarvas '552 and Kaiponen results in the claimed invention. However, Kaiponen neither discloses nor suggests those features of dependent claims 5-7, 9 and 11 demonstrated above to be missing from Tarvas '552 with respect to their base claim. Therefore, Applicant submits that the combination of Tarvas '552 and Kaiponen neither discloses nor suggests the invention of claims 5-7, 9 and 11.

The Examiner relies on Tarvas '989 as disclosing placement of a parasitic element to improve an upper operating band. The Examiner contends that the combination of Tarvas '552 and Tarvas '989 results in the claimed invention. However, Tarvas '989 neither discloses nor

suggests those features of dependent claim 12 demonstrated above to be missing from Tarvas '552 with respect to its base claim. Therefore, Applicant submits that the combination of Tarvas '552 and Tarvas '989 neither discloses nor suggests the invention of claim 12.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated January 10, 2007 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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